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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND

In re the application of:

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TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

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For: CONVEYOR FOR ELONGATE

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment which is being filed in the above-identified application, in response to an Office action dated June 21, 2000.

The fee for this amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	25	- 20 =	5	X	\$18.	=	\$90.00
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Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2550 in the amount of \$360.00 to cover the above-noted fee.

Please charge payment of any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to, Deposit Account No. 02-2550.

One (1) copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

(Bruce Moofragle. J. Bruce Hoofnagle

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November 8, 2000

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the rejection as issued in the Office action, dated June 21, 2000, in the above-identified application, please amend this application as indicated below and consider the remarks following thereafter.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, line 1, after "31" (first occurrence) insert --

by two mating segments 46 and 47.--;

Page 11, line 1, after "which" insert - includes a first end portion 21 and a second end portion 48 spaced from the first end portion. The catch element 18 is mounted at an intermediate portion thereof--;

Page 11, line 1, cancel "is" and insert --for--;

Page 11, line 1, cancel "round" and insert -- movement around-;

Page 11, line 2, after "A" insert biasing element such as a-;

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